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Concert-Lecture Series To Sponsor Bach Aria Group Wednesday Evening

Photo by Alton Taube

Pictured above are the members of the Bach Aria group which will appear in Middlebury, December 8

The Bach Aria Group will present the second program of the 1948-49 Concert-Lecture Series in Mead Chapel at 8.15 p.m., December 8.

The Group was founded two years ago by William H. Scheide, a multi-millionaire, who wanted to introduce a repertory of some of Bach's comparatively unknown works. The repertory consists of arias from Bach's two hundred-odd cantatas, remarkable for their vigor, melodic qualities, beauty and infinite variety. Though most have been neglected after a few performances during his lifetime, these cantatas contain an inexhaustible treasury of music for combinations of voices and instruments.

The Bach Aria Group possesses an unusual feature in that it places instrumental and vocal soloists on equal footing in what is basically a chamber music organization. In doing this it is attempting to remove the cleavage created by Romanticism between vocal and instrumental music.

The programs vary in content. Some concerts feature eight artists and others use nine or ten. The personnel, from which the performing artists are chosen, includes Julius Baker, flute; Robert Bloom, oboe; Jean Carlton, soprano; Norman Farrow, bass-baritone; Bernard Greenhouse, 'cello; Robert Harmon, tenor; Sergius Kagen, piano; Ellen Osborn, soprano; Margaret Tobias, alto; and Maurice Wilk, violin. The piano and 'cello are heard in all concerts, providing the "continuo" or accompaniment, as in Bach's day.

The instrumentalists of the Bach Aria Group have performed in key first-choir positions under such renowned conductors as Fritz Reiner, Leopold Stokowski, Arturo Toscanini, Dimitri Mitropoulous and others. The singers have won acclaim in Town Hall concerts, in opera and on the radio, as well as in coast-to-coast tours. All of the artists, however, were chosen for their unique ability to subordinate their own individual temperaments and virtuosity for the good of the ensemble as a whole.

Contrary to custom, the program will be given in Mead Chapel so that the Group will have use of the organ, if desired.

It is expected that, in the near future, the music studio will obtain an album recorded by the Group. The record reviewers hailed this album as a significant addition to recorded literature. The *Saturday Review* termed the album "exceptional . . . probably the finest Bach issue of the year."

Debate Team Tops Harvard's Orators

Philip G. Hull '49 and Charles A. James '49, representing Middlebury, won the annual debate with Harvard November 23. They upheld the affirmative of the proposition: Resolved, "that the British Labor Government has justified its tenure of office." Mr. Hull was chosen the best debater of the evening. During the past eighteen years, Middlebury and Harvard have debated fourteen times. Three have been non-decision debates, and Middlebury has won six and Harvard five. Mr. Hull and Mr. James debated the British Labor Government question with M. I. T., November 22, in a non-decision affair.

Fletcher V. G. Parker '51 and James C. Straney '51 traveled to Boston on November 23 to participate in a non-decision debate with Boston University. In this event, Mr. Parker and Mr. Straney argued the affirmative of the national question of federal equalization of educational opportunities.

December 9 a debate with Amherst on the city manager form of government will be held in the Rutland high school auditorium. Mr. Hull, Mr. James and Debora E. Nye '50 will represent Middlebury on the negative side of a judged debate. Judges will be chosen from a panel including two Vermont state supreme court justices and other Vermont judges and lawyers.

Bard E. Lindeman To Lead '49 Team

Bard E. Lindeman '50 was elected to captain the 1949 Middlebury football team, it was announced tonight at the annual football banquet. Paul E. Okarski '50 and William L. Stearns '50 were chosen as co-managers of the '49 squad. Balloting was completed Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of this year's football lettermen.

Mr. Lindeman, the sports editor of the *Campus*, has been an outstanding guard on the Panther gridiron machine for the past three seasons. Until the two-platoon system was inaugurated this year he was a sixty-minute iron man and called all the defensive signals. After the new system was installed his talents were confined mainly to the defensive platoon where his stalwart inspirational play and his heady defensive signal-calling played a major part in the success of the Blue and White team.

Mr. Lindeman was tapped last spring for Blue Key and is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. His home town is Westwood, N. J.

Mr. Lindeman succeeds co-captains David E. Thompson '49 and John V. Corbisiero '50. Mr. Okarski and Mr. Stearns succeed W. Kyle Prescott '49.

Fraternities Defer Nationwide Stand On Discrimination

The National Interfraternity Conference convened for its fortieth annual session on November 25, 26, 27 at the Hotel Commodore in New York City. Middlebury College was represented by W. Storrs Lee, dean of men, and William H. Fincke '50, interfraternity council representative. Panel discussions were held on various topics, but the most spirited debate took place on discrimination with membership in college fraternities.

Heated arguments resulted finally in a movement, passed without opposition, to send the issue back to each of the fifty-nine national fraternities within the organization for prolonged study and discussion. The subject will then be taken up again next year and at this time the delegates will be more informed on the question.

The resolution passed, which will be sent to the fraternities, recognizes that a college fraternity, as a social organization, has the legal right to select its own members without pressure from the college or university where it is situated. It also realizes that an individual member of a fraternity, regardless of whether his fraternity has discriminatory clauses or not, can cast a vote based on personal prejudice. The resolution stresses, however, that the conference believes that the fraternity system will flourish better if the character of the person, rather than his race, color, religion, or nationality, be considered paramount.

More than 700 representatives attended the conference, the largest held in recent years. Membership in college fraternities was reported at an all-time high of 1,148,468. The number of undergraduate chapters stands at 2,647 this year, representing an increase of over one hundred during the past year.

"Greek Week," as a substitute for "Hell Week," was recommended by the conference as a means of eliminating the harmful features of the pre-initiation period.

General discussions on the subjects of scholarship and drinking took place. Col. Ralph W. Wilson, Scholarship Counselor to N.I.C., presented the fact that in almost every college in the country the academic average of fraternity chapters was far below the all-men's average and that the situation was steadily becoming worse. On this subject, the fraternities at Middlebury compare favorably: three have present averages higher than that of the men's college, while the overall fraternity

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Desire For Holiday Manifested In Poll

It was revealed in the poll conducted by A. Ruth Harris '51, Barbara M. Pike '51, and Lynne L. Rask '51 in chapel last Tuesday and Friday that 82.4% of the voting student body favor an extended Thanksgiving vacation, regardless of the expense involved. Of the 1,213 students enrolled at college, 970, or 80% of the entire student body, participated in this poll.

The two questions on the ballot were: (1) Taking the expense into consideration, would you want the entire Thanksgiving week-end as a college holiday another year, either to go to your own home or to the home of a friend? and (2) To do this would you be willing, if necessary, to return to college a day or two earlier in the fall? All but a few who indicated a desire for a Thanksgiving vacation, also showed a willingness to return earlier in the fall. They reason that a four or five day vacation at Thanksgiving would

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Middlebury To Found Grad School In France

Plan To Provide Unified Program Of Foreign Study

Plans for the foundation of the Middlebury College Graduate School of French in France have recently been completed. Dr. Stephen A. Freeman, director of the Middlebury Summer Language Schools, is planning and organizing this school which is to open next fall.

"The goal of the program is the improvement of the quality of instruction in French in American secondary schools and colleges," said Dr. Freeman, who will leave for France after Christmas to make final arrangements for the school. "At the present time there is no unified and coordinated program of graduate study in the French language and culture for American teachers in France, despite the excellent courses of instruction being given at various French universities and institutes," he continued.

"The Middlebury Graduate School of French in France will seek to solve the many problems facing the average American graduate student who is preparing to teach French, but who is unable to study under a well integrated program abroad and then return home after a year of study in France with an equivalent of the American Master's degree," Dr. Freeman explained.

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I. F. C. Announces Schedule For End Of Rushing Period

Freshmen will fill out their preferential cards and submit them to J. Rowland Illick, assistant professor of geography, in room 14 of Warner Science Hall Friday night between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. it was decided at the Interfraternity Council meeting, Sunday night. Any freshmen unable to attend this meeting must contact Mr. Illick personally to fill out a preferential card, or he will be disqualified from pledging this semester.

Preferential lists will be picked up by the fraternity representatives at 9.00 a.m. Sunday. The Interfraternity Council will meet at 12.00 noon for the purpose of equalizing the lists and all smoker invitations must be returned to Mr. Illick by 4.00 p.m. that afternoon. These invitations will be issued to the freshmen at 6.15 p.m. Sunday evening in Gifford Library. The hours for the final smokers are as follows: 1st, 7.30-8.00 p.m.; 2nd, 8.10-8.40 p.m.; 3rd, 8.50-9.20 p.m. From 9.30 p.m. Sunday until 10.00 a.m. Monday, there will be a strict silence period during which there will be no communication between fraternity men and those men going through the rushing program.

Formal pledge invitations will be dis-

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King Carnival

Composite Poster For Carnival Drawn; Students To Handle Holiday Distribution

The official 1949 Middlebury College Winter Carnival poster has been selected after lengthy deliberation. The final poster is a composite of six original drawings. George A. Shumway '50 drew the final copy, but the following students have also won Carnival combination tickets for their part in the production: Patricia A. Perkins '49, David D. Wallace '50, Caroline Wheeler '50, Thomas Leavitt '51 and Adele Cousins '52.

The main feature of the crown on the picture was taken from one of the originally submitted posters, none of which were suitable in their entirety to the publicity committee. The color scheme was chosen from the group submitted and Mr. Shumway was picked to draw the final poster. Mr. Shumway also arranged the technical details for the production of the posters with the printer.

Norman E. Joslin '49 and Joan Metzger '50, co-chairmen of the Winter Carnival publicity committee, urge students to distribute posters in their home towns to sporting good stores and to other appropriate places such as transportation depots and ski resorts. Posters will be supplied for this purpose free of charge the week before Christmas to students who have signed up on the sheets posted on the Student Union Building bulletin board.

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National Interfraternity Conference

The National Interfraternity Conference held its annual meeting last weekend in New York. Basic issues on subjects of concern to all social fraternities were discussed, and these should be examined with relationship to fraternities as they operate at Middlebury.

Racial and religious discriminatory practices roused the greatest controversy at the conference. The delegates voted unanimously to wait until next year before taking a stand on the question. In the resolution sent back to each of the fifty-nine national fraternities within the organization, it was stated that "the conference believes that the fraternity system will flourish better if the character and the personality of the individual are regarded as paramount, rather than race, religion, and color." At Middlebury this issue gained prominence almost two years ago when what is now the Alpha Sigma Psi fraternity withdrew from the national Alpha Sigma Phi organization because of discriminatory clauses which were written in the national constitution. Two fraternities on campus are still forced by their national offices to operate under discriminatory clauses; however, both chapters are actively striving for the removal of all restrictions. On the whole, men are chosen for fraternities here strictly on the merit basis. As the New York *Times* stated in an editorial Sunday, "There is a spirit of racial and religious tolerance walking the campuses these days that will not indefinitely be denied. National offices are out of step, we believe, when they deny to local chapters the right to pledge whomever they please." The students at Middlebury have done, and are doing, a good job of policing their own backyard.

The subject of "Hell Week" was discussed, and it was recommended to substitute the name "Greek Week" for "Hell Week." Many fraternities have eliminated the harmful aspects of initiations that have brought uncomplimentary comments in the past. This is true at Middlebury, though childish practices are still followed in some houses and should be abolished.

The N. I. C. Committee on International Exchange Students reported that the Bowdoin Plan has spread across the country with middle-western and western colleges as well as New England colleges now giving assistance to foreign students. Plans have been started at Middlebury to institute the Bowdoin Plan next fall, and one fraternity is sponsoring a foreign student this year. The fraternities here have given their wholehearted support to the Bowdoin Plan.

Dean A. R. Warnock of Penn State, educational adviser for the N. I. C., commented that "thoughtful fraternity officers should be much more disturbed about the negative, though not consciously critical, attitude which some college officials and educational planners display towards the fraternity system. . . . Our most important job is that of supporting the fraternity idea in the minds of college officials and educational planners. We are up against it, selling our fraternities to hard-boiled college officials." Since the war, there has been close cooperation between the Middlebury administration and the fraternal ideas and aims of the fraternities as stated in the Interfraternity Council constitution. It is hoped that the recent dissolution of the Order of Mu Phi was due to a lack of coordination between the fraternity and the administration rather than the lack of cooperation and the prevalence of a negative attitude. Fraternities shouldn't need selling at Middlebury, and it should be obvious to all that the founding of a ninth fraternity is imperative.

The fraternity rushing period will be completed Sunday and it is encouraging to be able to point out to prospective pledges that the majority of evils generally associated with the national fraternity system is not prevalent to any great extent at Middlebury. There is, however, room for improvement which must come from a concerted effort on the part of the fraternities with the genuine aid of the administration.

Thanksgiving Day Strands Students High, High On Hill

Anita M. Liptak '49

Little did our Pilgrim forebears dream when they hacked at the first turkey and served up steaming mince pies that they were establishing an almost unbreakable precedent for Americans some three centuries later. Lest anyone accuse Middlebury of breaking with long-established tradition (perish the thought!), we hasten to add that Thanksgiving was observed in all its Puritan glory last Thursday. There being no better place to celebrate the festivities of the gathered harvest than the verdant mountains of Vermont, the majority of students chose to remain on our natural, unspoiled campus where the true spirit of the first Thanksgiving could be experienced.

With visions of cranberry sauce and turkey dancing in their heads, most students slept peacefully through breakfast, assured that dinner would assauge the pangs of hunger. A handful, however, motivated by a beneficent feeling toward mankind in general, attended a Union Thanksgiving service in a local church, and returned to the college on the hill reconciled to separation from friends, family and home on this holiday.

Dinner at the fraternity houses was festive and filling and it was no less so in dormitories, where guests joined the assemblage to be duly impressed by the linen napkins and snowy-white tablecloths. The waiters and waitresses had been briefed prior to the occasion and treated their classmates like paying customers. A tiny thrill of excitement was added in the women's dining rooms when permission was granted to smoke at the table.

For those who could still maneuver, there was a gay little afternoon dance at the Inn at which the Abernethy Boys performed. This group, which is achieving some popularity among the more "hep" students, came through admirably and the dance, despite a somewhat heavy atmosphere, was a success.

While those less hardened to the rigors of college life kept the long-distance wires humming with calls to the Old Family Manor in Oshkosh, a more cynical contingent ambled down to the flicks and finally relapsed into the semi-somnabulistic state which characterized this most recent celebration of "Harvest Home."

Former Chaplain To Speak Sunday

Dr. William T. Hanzsche will speak at junior-senior vesper service in Chapel Sunday, December 5. Dr. Hanzsche is the minister of the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church in Trenton, N. J., and editor of the *Presbyterian Life Magazine* which deals with religion through current day problems. He is an annual visitor to the college as a chapel speaker and his daughter Betty was a student here.

During the war Dr. Hanzsche was drafted into chaplain service by the War Emergency Commission and was sent to defense areas in the South to work among the troops. He was stationed for a time at the United States Marine Base at Jacksonville, N. C., working among the marines, assisting the chaplains and organizing the little town church into a place of service for the marines when off duty.

The College Choir will present the final chorus of the Mozart Requiem during the service. This chorus, "Agnus Dei," is the climax of the Requiem, the final, deathbed composition of Mozart.

Mu Phi Statement

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it was deemed necessary by the members of the Order of Mu Phi to dissolve our organization.

To many readers this appears to be a hasty decision, but all aspects of the situation were given full consideration before the final vote was cast.

As a final act, we would like to express our appreciation to administration, the faculty, the Interfraternity Council and all its member fraternities for their advice and guidance during our existence.

Letters to the Editor

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is for expression of ideas from readers. Signed letters containing not more than 250 words will be printed.)

To the Editor:

The Interfraternity Council on behalf of its member fraternities wishes to extend their thanks to the group of men who put so much time and effort into trying to establish a ninth fraternity here at Middlebury. While we wish they could have continued operations, we realize the impossibility of this under the circumstances. If the administration had provided us with adequate notice about the situation, perhaps something could have been done so that they could have continued. However again our appreciation to the men of the Order of Mu Phi.

THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL.

To the Students:

Many of you seem to think that the Mt. Club's transportation plan is too expensive for one person to accept—and others want to accept the plan and use the trucks four or five times a week. It is unfortunate that these attitudes have developed. Assuming that every truck we send up to the Snow Bowl is filled to capacity, each ticket would be good for between 2.13 and 2.35 trips per week. This means that the charge is less than two cents per mile. The plan suggested in this column last week would bring that charge down to two-thirds of a cent per mile—and no one can operate a transportation plan on that basis. Therefore those suggestions cannot be accepted. We could compromise with that plan and issue the tickets for 22 trips and let any one use them, having the tickets punched each time they are used.

Those of you who take advantage of the plan must realize:

1. That we are not giving you something for nothing, but we feel that we are giving you a bargain.

2. That the success of the plan depends on the adaptability of each student to the others who are in on it.

This means that you will not be able to go up to the Snow Bowl more than three times a week (usually only twice) and also that once you accept this fact you will have to accept the idea that you won't always be able to go on the days you choose. The plan is by no means perfect, but unless it works out half way decently, the skiers will be hitch-hiking next year. Remember, it cannot be done on a day-by-day, pay-as-you-go system. The college tried that two years ago and lost between two and three hundred dollars. We get the headaches and you get the benefits, and frankly, I see no other way to do it.

BRONSON HICKCOX,
Mt. Club President.

To the Editor:

The Interfraternity Council and its member fraternities are submitting this letter to the *Campus* to clarify their position concerning the recent disbanding of the Order of Mu Phi. This letter is also to point out the possibilities for future action by the Council.

At this point we wish to put ourselves on record as being highly dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Trustees. After consideration of the facts as they were presented to us, we feel that this action was not in the best interests of Middlebury College. We believe that the financial and expansion plans of the Trustees were favored at the sacrifice of the social well being of an important proportion of the students. This action of the Board indicates to us a tendency on the part of the Trustees to regard the institution as an end in itself and not as a means towards the welfare of the students.

As to the need for a ninth fraternity at Middlebury, we feel that most people connected with the college fully understand the situation. The existing fraternities are expanded to their limits. Dining facilities are wholly inadequate. Most fraternity men, including alumni, realize the benefits of fraternal life. As the situation now stands, these benefits are being denied to a large group of men. Thus we repeat that a ninth fraternity is sorely needed at Middlebury and needed immediately.

The $2,700 rental asked for the Wright House, including a two percent return on investment, seems to us a highly exorbitant figure. Furthermore the 2 percent return should have been foregone in this case. As far as "The Gables" is concerned, we feel along with the Mu Phis that it is certainly an unsatisfactory substitute for the Wright House.

Again for the purposes of the record, we wish to state that we will continue to make every effort to establish a ninth fraternity at Middlebury College. As far as action of this sort is concerned, we feel that it would be impossible for us to achieve our purpose without minimum guarantees as to the cooperation and good faith of the administration AND the Board of Trustees. The member fraternities will not hesitate to use the influence of their alumni in accomplishing these ends. It is apparent to us that at present this is the only course of action that we can take.

Signed:

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ROBERT A. FULLER '49,
for Beta Mu Chapter of Theta Chi.

News In Paragraphs

Charles A. James '49 and Eleanor C. Flanáreau '51 will represent Middlebury at a conference on democratic education, December 11 and 12 in Springfield, Mass. Walter White, president of the N.A.A.C.P., will be guest speaker. Discrimination in schools, colleges, fraternities and sororities, and what can be done to alleviate the situation will be discussed at the conference.

The Snack Bar will be closed Tuesday evening, December 7.

The following note has been received by Dean Lee from Miss Belle E. Wright '00, Burlington, Vt., author of the letter published in the *Campus* last year criticizing Middlebury students for their lax conduct:

"I should like to convey to you the fine things that have been said about the Middlebury football game, and the whole occasion connected with it. People say, 'A splendid game and everything went off finely.' I hope you congratulate all who have helped to leave such a worthy impression."

"Ski Trails"—a radio program conducted by Lloyd T. Lambert planned to be of interest to all skiers—is on the air every Friday evening at 6.45 p.m. over station WPTR, 1540 on the dial, in Albany, N. Y. Part of the program is set aside for ski club news. During this time news of Middlebury's Winter Carnival and Mountain Club will be given from time to time. The Sportsmen ,George Miller and Bill Pope, also give additional ski news on their Thursday and Saturday broadcasts at 6.15 p.m.

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average is only a few tenths of a percent below the all-men's average.

It was recommended that drinking be controlled by the national fraternities, by the faculty and administration, and by the undergraduates themselves through self-government.

The N.I.C. Committee on International Exchange Students reported that the Bowdoin Plan is taking hold across the country with many middle West and western as well as New England colleges now giving assistance to foreign students. A total of forty-two fraternities are now taking part in the plan with Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon encouraging it on a national basis.

Dean A. R. Warnock of Penn State, educational advisor for the N.I.C. commented that "thoughtful fraternity officers should be much more disturbed about the negative, though not consciously critical, attitude which some college officials—other than deans of men perhaps—and some educational planners display toward the fraternity system. It is an attitude of friendly indifference; they are tolerated as pleasant accessories to campus life. The fraternity system can and does make major contributions in a program of youth education, but I am not sure that all educational planners feel that way. Our most important job is that of supporting the fraternity idea in the minds of college officials and educational planners. We are up against it, selling our fraternities to hard-boiled college officials."

Mlle Rey Comes To Teach French

Elsbeth J. Wright '50

"But I am only a substitute. You don't want to interview me," said Mlle Maud Rey, new instructor in the French department. After a little persuasion, however, Mlle Rey consented to tell the students of Middlebury something of her interesting life.

Mlle Rey explained that the reason her name is not in the catalogue is that she is taking Mlle Yvonne Wiessler's place in the French department until Mlle Wiessler can come herself. Mlle Rey is sure that she will be here at least until the end of the first semester.

"I am an American citizen but I was born in Paris," said Mlle Rey. Her English is perfect, but despite her Yankee citizenship she does speak with a French accent. Mlle Rey has been in the United States for many years and has taught at the Middlebury summer school for fourteen years. She owns a plot of land in Middlebury where she plans to build a "dream house" some day. "I also want to write a book," said Mlle Rey. In fact she had retired for the purpose of writing a book on French civilization when she was asked to teach this fall.

"I love Middlebury. It reminds me of France," enthusiastically exclaimed Mlle Rey. She explained that the Vermont country-side is very much like that in France. Being at the Chateau where French is spoken also reminds Mlle Rey of her home. She hastened to add that the Chateau is the best French house she has seen in the United States.

Mlle Rey originally planned to have a career in the theater. She studied under Jacque Copeau at the Theatre de Vieux-Colombier and also under Charles Dullin. Charles Dullin played in the recent French movie, *Volpone*. In the last few years Mlle Rey has given dramatic readings in colleges all over the country. She taught diction at Bryn Mawr and directed French plays there.

Air Force Cadet Training Course To Be Described

The opportunity for pilot training and a career as an officer with the United States Air Force which is open to qualified college men will be explained to Middlebury men on December 6, 7 and 8 by a special Air Force Aviation Cadet Team.

Married or single men, 20 to 26½ years old, and physically fit, with two or more years of college, will have the opportunity to provisionally qualify for the flight training immediately when the traveling Aviation Cadet team meets here at the Placement Office. The team is headed by Capt. Maurice O. Searle and is one of several which is visiting college throughout the country.

Men who volunteer and are accepted for pilot training with the Air Force will receive their basic flight training in Texas. Successful Cadets will be given their pilots' wings and commissions as 2nd Lieutenants in the Air Force Reserve after only twelve months of training. They will go on active duty immediately upon graduation and can earn pay and allowances in excess of $4,000 a year.

Aviation Cadet classes begin three times a year, March 1, July 1, and October 15, and the top men in each class receive direct commissions in the regular Air Force. All graduates have the opportunity to apply for regular commissions during their active duty tours.

Only men who meet the high Air Force standards will be accepted because of the necessarily high level of intelligence and physical fitness required to operate modern military aircraft. On December 6, 7 and 8 the Aviation Cadet Team will be prepared to administer all preliminary examinations to flight-training applicants. Those who meet the requirements at that time need only take the final physical examination and complete an interview later before being finally accepted and assigned to a class.

Basic flight training courses are given at Randolph Air Base, San Antonio, Tex.; Goodfellow Air Force Base, Sherman, Tex.; and Waco Air Force Base, Waco, Tex. Advanced pilot training phases are given at two locations: single-engine in F-51 Mustangs and F-80 Shooting Stars at Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Ariz.; and multiple-engine training in B-29 Mitchels at Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, La.

Informality Reigns In Alpha Slug Octet

The Alpha Sigma Psi Barber Pole Octet had humble beginnings over some paint buckets during the regular pre-semester clean-up at the Slug House. The schmaltz soon graduated into regular sessions after lunch in the Snake Pit in the basement and, under the leadership of Philip W. Hoffmire '49, the group started serious work on learning songs and technique.

The Octet consists of two men for each of four male parts. J. S. MacMuntry '49 and C. S. Stewart, Jr. '49 sing the top tenor and Norman E. Joslin '49 and Ernest L. Hunter, Jr. '50 do the melody or second tenor. The baritone part is handled by Mr. Hoffmire and Donald B. Stillman '49, who also has a recitation of his own composition rendered with a straight face and solemn voice while the rest of the group hums. Albert G. Craz '50 and Philip S. Dyett '51 give solidity and depth in the bass part.

The Octet members like to think that informality is easiest for them and for their audience, but they began to wonder during the first number for the ladies of the D.A.R. in Vergennes recently. Stillman hastily made one or two revisions in his talk and the rest prayed that all would be well. The D.A.R., though unlike a college audience, took it in good spirit and the performance was a success.

Besides singing here at college for house dances, the A.T.O. Open House at Breadloaf, and the Sophomore Hop, the group has made outside appearances including the one for the D.A.R. and at the Middlebury Inn in a program for the guests. They are scheduled to sing for the Association of Bankers of Vermont at the Inn Saturday evening.

Stillman, the star punch liner, graduates in February but the Octet plans to be a regular thing at the house and graduates will be replaced. Tentative plans also include recording some time before the end of the term.

NOTICE

Donald C. Reifel '50 has not announced his engagement, as erroneously reported in last week's Pin Points.

Combination Ticket Winner Announced

M. Nancy Lester '49 has been chosen winner of the combination ticket design contest, it was announced by Robert M. Roemer '49 and Margaret A. Teachout '50, ticket committee co-chairmen.

Appropriate for the occasion, the ticket will have the shape of the ring and spike of a ski pole. Miss Lester's original design was done in the customary colors of blue and white. The judges, composed of the whole general ticket committee, awarded Miss Lester two carnival combination tickets.

The committee co-chairmen state that the combo tickets will be put on sale shortly after mid-year exams. Sale of the tickets will be under the direction of Tom Martin, Jr., '50 and Jean Blanchard '50.

Scout Group Plans Service Program

Members of the men's college interested in scouting met Tuesday night, November 30, to lay the groundwork for a college senior scout group. Requirements for prospective members are: previous training in scouting and desire to render service to others.

If the scouting and camping group meets the requirements for a college organization and obtains a membership of twenty-five, the group will join the National Senior Scout Service Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. The 171 chapters of the national have a total membership of 20,000. The fraternity is not a social fraternity.

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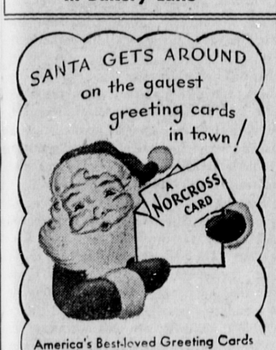

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THE MIDD-WAY

Walter Arthur Maurer of Nyack, N. Y., is this year's basketball captain and with records at Middlebury being in the confused state that they are, we cannot say for sure, but he is probably the first sophomore ever elevated to such a lofty position. This fact, which was not known until after the balloting had been completed, was a cause of deep concern to the athletic council and they were probably the only people in the school who thought twice about the wisdom of the nomination.

To all others not bound by tradition it seemed that Walt was the only logical selection. His retarded scholastic status is not caused by youth or mental deficiency but is mostly the result of a two year, six month hitch in the army and a fruitless year of study at the University of Syracuse from which he transferred.

Walter's tour of duty in the service included sixteen missions as a B-24 gunner over Germany and a few months as a baker in Las Vegas, Nev.

"That baker deal was really something," he says, "They asked me if I'd rather make raisin bread in Las Vegas or go to Japan. Now I ask you, is that a stupid question or isn't it?"

How about the University of Syracuse business?

"I don't know. I guess it isn't such a good school. I spent a whole year there and got only 9 credits. What marks I got, though—all A's and B's. I didn't know anybody there and used to go home all the time. Then I met Billy Desmond who used to go here and he got me into Middlebury."

Walter is twenty-three and in Nyack, which he terms "The Gem of Hudson Valley," he is one of the town's leading figures, having starred in football, basketball and baseball at the local high school. During his last two years there, he was captain of both basketball and baseball and was first team all-Rockland County in all three events.

He comes from a very athletic family of five and while he and his two brothers frolicked successfully in the fields, his mother and father were wrapping up prizes in the county bowling league.

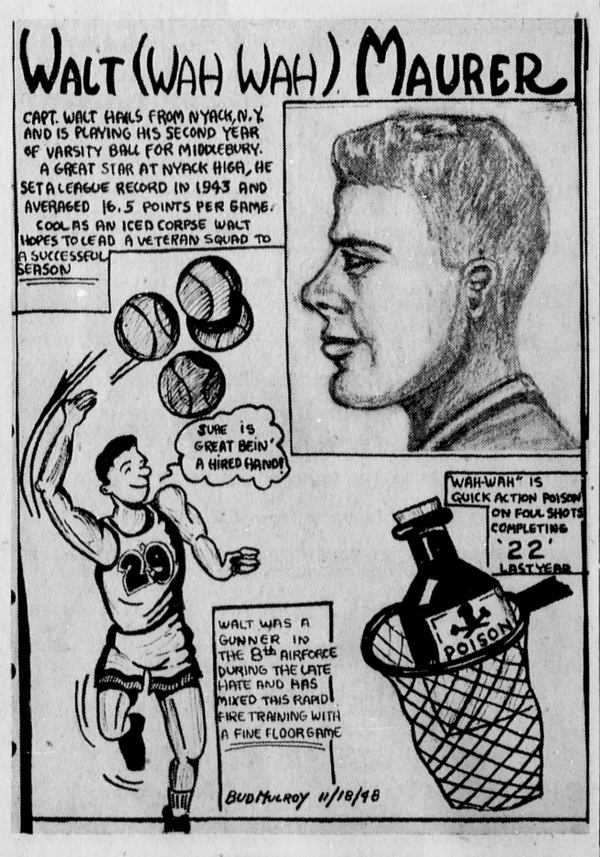
"When all us kids are away," he explains, "all my mom does is feed my pop and bowl. She's the best bowler in the circuit."

Probably of all Midd's big men, Walter is the most plagued by nicknames which range from the untraceable "Wah-Wah" to Wolfgang ,the German derivation of his first name. Because of his Dutch ancestry, he has been accused of everything from heading a Nazi spy ring to carrying pictures of Eva Braun in his wallet. His fellow players call him Der Fuehrer.

The Captain is nobody's fool on the basketball floor, however, and his intimates find it hard to connect the two personalities of Maurer the athlete and Maurer the fraternity brother. In a game and in practice, he is all business and is possessed of that intuitive instinct found in good athletes which allows him to get a big jump on a play. This gives him the appearance of being faster than he actually is, but by his own admission, "I am no Harrison Dillard."

Walter is a tough customer under the backboard and is willing to scramble after the ball with players of all shapes and sizes. He would surely brain the writer of this column if too many flowery adjectives were to surround his name, but we cannot neglect mentioning that he is a superb competitor who will play his heart out for his team. The team does not necessarily have to be representing old Midd.

Walter predicts that a better Middlebury basketball team will take to the floor this season and there seems to be logic in what he says. "Last year we didn't really seem to know what we were doing. We'd take the ball out and run around and nothing seemed to happen. This year we've all improved and Dick (Ciccolella) has us working a lot better; working plays which is something we couldn't seem to be able to do before. We may not win all our games, but we'll look more like a team."


WALT (WAH WAH) MAURER
CAPT. WALT HAILS FROM NYACK, N.Y. AND IS PLAYING HIS SECOND YEAR OF VARSITY BALL FOR MIDDLEBURY. A GREAT STAR AT NYACK HIGH, HE SET A LEAGUE RECORD IN 1943 AND AVERAGED 16.5 POINTS PER GAME. COOL AS AN ICED CORPSE WALT HOPES TO LEAD A VETERAN SQUAD TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON
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MORE ABOUT JOHN

Hardly had the CAMPUS uttered the words that it believed the Burlington *Free Press* was giving Middlebury poor coverage when, to the joy of all, the rival Burlington *Daily News* came out with a banner headline which proclaimed that John Corbisiero had made second team all-New England. That was on Tuesday night and on Wednesday night a second similar headline announced that John had been chosen fullback on the first team of the little all-New England wonder team.

Those awards, given to Midd's great line plunger by the United Press are very authentic and not one man's opinion. The UP polls sports writers all over the district from Boston to Burlington in making their selections. In all probability this is just the beginning for there is cause to hope that Mr. C. will be given serious consideration of the nationwide little all-American aggregation. S. R. D.

Midd Court Season Opens Saturday Against Strong Champlain College Five

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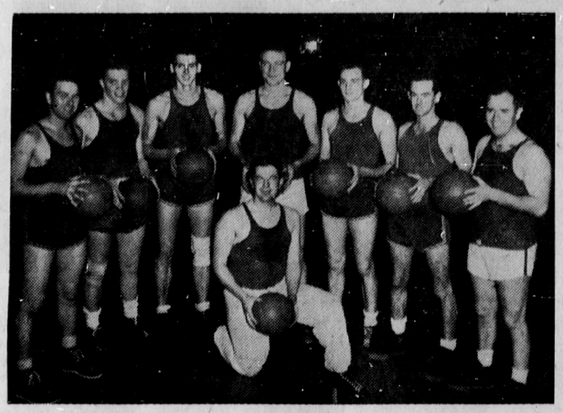

Pictured above are the veterans of the 1947-48 Basketball Squad. Standing are Ray Gadaire, Chet Nightingale, Ed Works, Bruce Burdette, Jack Henty, Bill Tracy, and Bob Trimmer. Kneeling is Captain Walt Maurer

SPE Grabs Lead In Volleyball Play

After the dust had cleared from McCullough Gym last weekend, the standings of the volleyball league had undergone some changes. The idle cowboys from "El Rancho K.D.R." slipped to a second place tie with Theta Chi. Although neither of these two teams had tasted defeat, the Sig Eps zoomed into first place by virtue of a forfeit victory over Mu Phi. They now boast a win streak of three straight without a defeat.

Friday's contests saw the Alpha Slugs trim the "hapless" Dekes 15-2, and 15-11, after dropping the opener 15-11. Chi Psi broke into the win column with a forfeit victory over Mu Phi and took sole possession of fourth place.

Saturday afternoon, the D.U.s forgot their "good neighbor policy" and trounced the Dekes 15-5 and 15-9. Jim Newman and Gabby Hughes paced the winners while the Dekes looked on. Doug Christie and his Sig Ep Co. are going to be tough picking for the formidable K.D.R.s and the surprising Theta Chis.

The recent chemical reaction which proved that Mu Phi was soluble in "trustees water" presents a problem. Whether or not the teams will draw a bye on scheduled games with Mu Phi is not yet known. It seems to be the only plausible answer since Chi Psi and Sig Ep have already won at the expense of this non-existing league member.

The league's "game of the year" will be played on December 3. It matches the undefeated K.D.R. and Sig Ep teams. Custodians of McCullough Gym are expecting a near capacity crowd of thirty fans.

Reed Selected Pilot For Spring Track

Bob Reed, captain-elect of Middlebury's 1949 spring track team, is in his quiet and retiring way one of the outstanding athletes in the college. A senior this year, Bob has earned his letter in track for the past three years on the strength of his husky right arm which sends a javelin hurtling practically two-thirds of the length of a football field.

Bob got his start with the javelin back at high school in Lower Merion, Pa., where his coach was a former javelin star eager to pass on all the tricks of the trade. By the time he hit Midd, Bob was an accomplished performer and ever since has been our number one spear-thrower, in a class by himself. As a sophomore he took a second in the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association meet and last year came through to cop the gold medal and continue on to an unbeaten season.

Bob is the only competitor in Middlebury's league using "finished form," a tricky style requiring long hours of practice. When used correctly, however, it adds 30-40 feet to a javelin toss, due to a combination of backward lean and utilized speed. Bob's ambition at present is to find some promising underclassmen to whom he can impart the benefit of his valuable experience.

This year's cindermen under the leadership of Reed hope to continue with the winning habit they acquired during the 1948 season under Dixon Hemphill. Hemphill who broke the school pole vault record in the Vermont meet will be available for duty again this spring.

Veterans Bolster Improved Squad

Burdette, Tracy, Henty, Maurer, Shea To Start

On Saturday the 1948-1949 edition of the Middlebury College hoopsters will travel to Plattsburg, N. Y., to take on the Champlain College courtmen in their season's debut. For the past three weeks the Panthers have been working hard under the tutelage of Coach Dick Ciccolella in preparation for the encounter.

The Bluejay hoopsters won 16 and dropped 7 last year, which is a record that deserves respect. Due to the irregularities of its set up, which only keeps students at Champlain for two years, the Champlainers find themselves with three lettermen returning. However, they are expected to floor a strong club.

The Blue and White basketball squad is also laboring under adverse conditions as they must shuffle between the high school and college gymnasiums in an attempt to get a maximum amount of practice under their belts.

The return of eight lettermen is the nucleus around which Coach Ciccolella has moulded his squad. Headed by Captain Walt Maurer, they include Bruce Burdette, Ed Works, Jack Henty, Bill Tracy, Ray Gadaire, Bob Trimmer and Chet Nightingale. The newcomers to the squad are Ralph Loveys, Dick Shea, and Tom Ginty.

Viewing his squad after their first full court scrimmage, Coach Ciccolella felt that this year's hoopsters possess the lacking speed of the past Blue and White clubs. This ability to move fast is the secret to breaking quickly under the hoop. Last year's team was strictly an outside set shot club, and Coach Ciccolella hopes that his new found talent for going up the middle will add scoring punch and give the team better balance.

The hustle and play shown by Ed Works, Dick Shea, Chet Nightingale and Jack Henty has drawn praises from Ciccolella. "They should be a big help to the club," the mentor said. This year's squad possesses spirit and drive. If the key can be found, this year's Panther squad should be able to hold its own on the court.

The untimely attack of measles, suffered by last year's Captain Mert Stevens during the past few weeks has placed him at a disadvantage, and now it is a question as to how quickly he will return to shape.

A tentative starting line-up for the Panthers is expected to find Big Bruce Burdette at center with Captain Walt Maurer and Billy Tracy at the forwards and Jack Henty or Chet Nightingale and newcomer Dick Shea at the guards.

The Forgotton Sport . . . .

When one thinks of Middlebury long, snowy winters come to mind and the romantic picture of trim athletes clad in the traditional garb racing over mountain slopes is the vivid impression that accompanies the image of winter on the hill. Winter and winter sports go over big up here in the land of the outdoor hot dog stand. Be it ever so humble a true son of Midd can always be heard bragging over his "dimey" that Midd is the home of the Intercollegiate Ski Champions of the universe, barring none, and inclusive of the kingdom of Mongo, where Flash Gordon rules supreme.

However, while our hearty heroes are racing pell mell across the lofty crags in search of new titles and records, down in the comparative safety of the marble valley Coach Dick Ciccolella is running his charges through a snappy drill. For his is the task of whipping a basketball team into shape for the coming season. This brings to mind the story of the drunk lying on the boardwalk shouting, "I'll climb this fence if it kills me." Saturday night will be the beginning of Dick's third season as Midd basketball coach and to say he hasn't had a successful year so far is being polite. However, even a lesser student of the game than this writer will gladly come up with the verdict of "innocent" in mentioning those unsuccessful campaigns in the same breath as the surname Ciccolella. Only a man with the patience of Saint Ciccolella and the even temperament that "Reticent Richard" has been blessed with would stick around for another year just to prove that basketball will go at Midd. Basketball aficionados with a better than average memory will remember that the cage forces of the Blue and White showed definite signs of genuine improvement during the latter half of last season. The high point of the season was in the last game when the Panthers thrilled the partisans with an upset victory over a powerful St. Lawrence five. Friends, relatives, and fans that have the interest of the team at heart and accept last year's fast finish as a good omen for the coming season to all appearances the 1948-49 schedule holds possibilities of some respectable victories.

Basketball fans sitting around the breakfast nook checking the Midd roster won't be startled into dropping their donuts in their morning coffee, but this year's club is better balanced, more polished, and has more class than any previous post-war Panther five. In Walt Maurer they have a steady, heady captain and in Ed Works, Jack Henty, and Bruce Burdette there is height that can be dangerous. Bill Tracy, Dick Shea, and Ralph Loveys have class and any of these boys could turn into the point man of the club. Ray Gadaire is the workhorse who is always conspicuous by his absence and is yet to throw the ball away. All in all, the club shapes up to hold its own and no one would be more pleased or would be more deserving than Coach Ciccolella if the boys went one better.

Employment Plan Offered Seniors

The college Placement Office is promoting a plan for seniors to utilize part of Christmas vacation for interviewing employers in various occupations in order to secure information helpful in crystallizing their thinking about future fields of work, it has been announced by Edgar J. Wiley, director of placement.

Mr. Wiley urges seniors to use their vacation for exploratory visits and conferences, experimental interviewing and procuring contracts. He warned that it is not long until graduation, and the time to start looking for a job is now.

Mr. Wiley has lists of Middlebury graduates and fraternity brothers in various occupations in different areas who can give advice on vocations and recommend other interested men and firms, which he will be glad to give any senior men who come to the Placement Office.

Mr. Wiley has a list of several hundred corporations which are planning to recruit college seniors in 1948 and 1949. He also has letters coming in from companies which have taken the initiative in offering to interview Middlebury men and women. For example, the National Credit Office of New York City has offered to interview any men interested in business careers.

Barbara A. Wells, director of women's placement, is working with the senior women individually. They have filled out registration forms, and each woman is having an interview with Miss Wells to determine her vocational interests and job possibilities.

Middlebury School To Open In France

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After a summer of preparation at Middlebury's French Summer School, students enrolled in the Graduate School will leave to study for a year at the Sorbonne or some other French university. The studies of the Middlebury students in various French schools and institutes of the French national system will be under French professors and will be supervised by a resident representative of Middlebury College. Final examinations will be administered under the direction of the Middlebury staff, and successful candidates will receive the Middlebury Master of Arts degree.

Dr. Freeman is being assisted in the organization of the school by Prof. Vincent Guilloton, head of the French department at Smith College and director of Middlebury's French Summer School, as well as by Claude Bourcier, dean of the French Summer School.

'49 VARIETY SHOW NEEDS MATERIAL

Robert E. Seixas '49, director of the 1949 Midd-Time Varieties, has announced that the junior weekend show this year will be a review featuring aspects of life at Middlebury. Ideas for the forthcoming musical, complete skits, original songs and lyrics, as well as filler acts are being sought by the director and his assistants, Linwood L. Meacham '50, William H. Zack '50, and Barbara A. Ferris '50.

A general meeting will be held before Christmas at which all those interested may present their plans. General tryouts for the production will be held sometime in February.

Chemistry Show To Feature Skits, Experiment Fri.

The annual Chemistry Show will be held in the Chemistry Building at 8.00 p.m. Friday, December 3. This show is put on by the Alchemists Club and is designed to appeal to all students, regardless of major interests.

The main portion of the show will be held in Room 32, the third floor lecture room, but there will also be experiments in some of the other laboratories. There will be a few skits demostrating the advantages of being a chemist in professional and private life. These will show, among other things, how a chemist, if stranded in the woods without food, matches, or ammunition, could still get his duck and boil water.

Exhibitions of the properties and uses of luminescent materials in various forms will be given. Also scheduled is a series of experiments showing the unusual characteristics of liquid air.

Color slides will be featured during the show, demonstrating how the owners of a hotel have decorated one of its rooms using only ultraviolet light. Other slides will provide additional information on the experiments performed in the show.

The Chemistry Building will be open to students from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with members of the Alchemists Club acting as

Thanksgiving Poll

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benefit school work by providing a necessary break in study routine.

Figures show that 87.8% of the college students live within traveling distance of Middlebury, that is, Canada, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, part of Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Although they were decidedly united in favor of a longer Thanksgiving vacation, students showed varied opinions as to how it should be most successfully arranged. Many feel that Middlebury's vacation system is now unsatisfactory, particularly in regard to spring vacation, which does not coincide with other colleges in many cases.

Said one student, campaigning for a longer vacation at Thanksgiving and the same date of return in the fall, "There is no reason to come back early—other colleges have a holiday—Yale, Dartmouth, Vassar, U.V.M."

U. S. Civil Service Posts Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that applications for Personnel Officer positions must be filed in the Washington, D. C., office not later than December 14. Those positions now available include: Personnel Officer, Personnel Assistant, Employee Relations Officer, Employee Relations Assistant, Employee Counselor, Personnel Rating Examiner, Position Classifier, Placement Officer, Placement Assistant, Occupational Analyst, and Salary and Wage Analyst.

Applicants must have had three years of general personnel administration and from one to three years of specialized phases of personnel work to qualify, or a substitute of college study for the general experience. The salary range is from $3,727 to $6,235 a year.

Further information and application blanks may be secured at first- and second-class postoffices, from Civil Service regional offices, or directly from the Washington office.

GRADUATE STUDY FINANCED BY FUNDS

The Henry Fellowships for 1949-50, grants of £600 (about $2,400) for five American students to study in English universities, were announced recently by the American Committee of Management for the Charles and Julia Henry Fund.

Open to both men and women, the Fellowships provide for a year's study at either Oxford or Cambridge University. Recent college graduates and students graduating from American colleges this spring will receive preference in the selection.

Applications must be submitted on or before February 15, 1949, to the Office of the Secretary of Yale University or to the Secretary to the Corporation of Harvard University.

One-Acts Feature Psychos, Chaucer

"Suppressed Desires" by Cram and Glaspell and "Search for Death" which has been adapted from a tale by Chaucer will be the program of one-act plays presented at the Playhouse, Friday evening, December 10.

"Suppressed Desires" is the story of an architect's wife who is fascinated by psychoanalysis. She convinces a charming woman guest and her husband that they should be psychoanalyzed. This duo psychoanalysis results in the familiar triangle situation. The cast includes Stephen Webster played by Roger H. Walmsley '52, Henrietta played by Jean L. Keith '52, and Mabel played by Peggy L. Groff '52.

"Search for Death" is a dramatization of Chaucer's "Pardoner's Tale" and its presentation will employ multiple staging and continuous action throughout. The cast includes the narrator, Ernest A. Lawson '49, the Old Man played by Frank J. Nicholson '51, Innkeeper played by Scott Taylor '51, Innkeeper's Boy played by William F. Trask '51, and Three Roisterers played by William A. Sommers '51, Donald H. Baker '50, and Renton Bond '51.

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"Unfraternal Conduct"

The Amherst College chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has been suspended from the national organization for refusing to depledge Negro student Thomas W. Gibbs. The Negro student was originally pledged last spring, when the fraternity's constitution contained no discriminatory clause. Headquarters pleaded that it had not received notice in time to familiarize itself with the situation. Suspension of the Amherst Phi Psi charter was made November 12 by the fraternity's national ten-man council on grounds of "unfraternal conduct." The Amherst group notified the national officers that Gibbs would be initiated with fifteen other sophomore pledges.

Shorter Skirts

Simmons College, Boston, Mass., has a pair of enterprising young journalists who turned their talents to profit by publishing a fashion pamphlet of Boston fashion. Kay Elkins and Libby Drury, both Simmons seniors, edited a 36-page magazine by themselves this past September and now have created a successful bimonthly enterprise. Cheer up, fellows, these Simmons girls predict shorter skirts and longer hair soon.

A Co-ed Norwich

Our rival, Norwich University, was founded in 1819 as the "American Literary, Scientific and Miltary Academy" at Norwich, Vt. Its name was not changed to Norwich University until 1834. No specified period for completing the course of study was required, but each student was allowed to advance as rapidly as possible. It usually took from one to six years to be graduated and receive the diploma of the academy. During early years, a large percentage of students came from the South, nearly 150 from South Carolina alone.

Norwich U. was one of the first co-educational schools in the country. The university founded a young ladies' seminary in 1835, and conducted it under its patronage until the school was burned. Young women recited with the cadets in the same classes.

The campus at Norwich was located directly across the Connecticut River from Dartmouth and rivalry of a furious degree developed. The bridge between Hanover and Norwich was considered "No Man's Land" and many fights between the schools took place on the bridge. This rivalry, and the destruction of part of the University by fire, in 1866, brought about the removal of the University from Norwich to Northfield.

Leap Week

Allegheny College in Pennsylvania struggled (!) through Leap Week a few weeks ago. One week every year the girls call up and date the male students who must abide by the rules set by a committee of "999 women and one man." Among the rules are those stating that women must pay for all entertainment during the week, women must think carefully before dropping sorority pins, must not try to find sanctuary in the infirmary by tearing ligaments or dislocating jaws, men must not refuse any date, the setting of bare traps by women is unlawful, no cutting of telephone wires in fraternity houses, and no cutting classes by men to dodge the "grab 'em while you can" girls.

Brandeis University

To greater Boston has been added a new college, Brandeis University at Waltham, with a pilot student body now consisting solely of the class of 1952. The nation's first Jewish sponsored, non-sectarian university has a 100-acre campus. Students come from as far as Los Angeles and Hawaii. Among the faculty is the noted author Ludwig Lewisohn.

Faculty Housing Gripes

Many University of Iowa faculty members are dissatisfied with their housing facilities to the point where they feel their professional efficiency and competence are being impaired. Evidence of dissatisfaction was shown in a housing survey made on the Iowa campus by the American Association of University Professors. Iowa U. is the only Big Nine institution which does not provide some sort of permanent housing for its faculty members.

Objections ot housing conditions range from lack of living space, privacy, garage facilities, and yard space, and unavailability of housing to the inflationary cost of housing purchase and rental and antiquated living and sanitary conditions. A majority of twenty-one deans and directors stated that they had experienced difficulty in obtaining new staff members due to the lack of adequate housing in Iowa City. Eight department heads said they had actually lost teaching personnel as a direct result of the housing situation. As a result of the poll recommendations have been made to the University that some sort of University-financed housing project be undertaken.

Big Feet and Color Blind

Joe College's feet may be bigger than Betty Co-ed's, but they are healthier, as was disclosed recently by statistics released by Dr. Wilfred T. Robbins of the University of California, on the basis of physical examinations of students. Results showed that 12 per cent of the men had foot defects, compared with 29 per cent of the women students. In other respects, however, the females had the edge. Only 10 per cent of the women students had dental defects against 26 per cent for the men. Of the girls, 32 per cent had defective vision, compared with 35 per cent of the men. No cases of color blindness were found among the co-eds examined, while six per cent of the men students had this defect.

The Washington Semester

Twelve American colleges have contracted with the American University in Washington, D. C., to send to the capital annually, four students from each school to study in a project called the Washington semester. The project has been instituted in order to provide a government laboratory for superior junior students in the social sciences. Studies will be coordinated by a professor of the American University and a visiting professor drawn each semester from one of the participating colleges. The select company of young scholars will each be assigned a project involving the preparation of a thesis on some aspect of government, besides attending seminars and classes. Direct contacts will also be made with the government agencies. Besides American University, the colleges participating in the plan are Allegheny, Birmingham-Southern, Denison, Dickinson, Hamline, Hiram, Lindewood, Oberlin, Randolph-Macon, Transylvania, Westminster (Mo.) and Wooster.

Notre Dame Plugs for Dames

A group of married veterans attending the University of Notre Dame recently urged colleges and universities throughout the country not to return to the prevalent pre-war policy which forbade the marriage of undergraduate students. The group polled, which included only those veterans who were single when they first enrolled in college and who married while still students, indicated that marriage has had a definite beneficial influence on their collegiate scholastic work. Eighty-six per cent of the students declared they had received higher scholastic marks since assuming family responsibility. The same percentage of married veterans polled favored government aid to married college students of the future, and of this group, 93 per cent favored a government loan instead of an outright grant.

Ain't It Awful?

The female percentage at M.I.T. this year is .175 or, in simpler terms, there are only six girls.

Ban On Women Lifted

Williams has ended its ban on women guests. The suspension of limitations on visiting hours for women at fraternity houses has been lifted. Williams' Dean is convinced that the undergraduate council's new code of conduct and new sanctions will prove more effective.

Abduction

From the Wesleyan *Argus* Lost and Found Column: Will the person or persons who met my date at the railroad station return her as she is valuable for sentimental reasons?

Policy Committee To Poll Sr. Class

A faculty evaluation poll to be taken of the senior class was discussed at the Educational Policy Committee meeting Tuesday November 30. This will be the same type of poll that was conducted last year except that students will be asked to write their comments and any other information about the faculty members. In this way, professors will be able to gain constructive criticism in addition to student ratings.

This evaluation will judge the professors on their attitude toward students, methods of testing, distracting mannerisms, organization of course material, control of class, fairness in grading, knowledge of subject, ability to make course interesting, ability to promote intellectual response, and cultural knowledge beyond own subject. The students will rate them as exceptional, good, average, weak, or unsatisfactory.

After the poll has been taken, the committee will give all the results to the administration, and will give each professor his own individual rating. Those taking the poll will be requested to judge each professor fairly and as indiscriminately as possible. It is hoped that both the faculty and the student body will benefit by this evaluation poll.

Students To Attend I.R.C. Conference

Four Middlebury students will attend the New England International Relations Clubs' Regional Conference to be held December 3, 4, and 5, at the University of Vermont. The Middlebury I.R.C. will be represented at the conference by its officers, Frank C. Colcord '49, president; Dixon F. Hemphill '49, vice-president-treasurer; and Rachel Stryker '49, secretary; and by Mary W. Cole '49, Vermont state I.R.C. secretary.

The conference will be attended by delegates from all New England Colleges with active International Relations Clubs. The I.R.C.s of the University of Vermont, Middlebury, St. Michael's, Johnson Teacher and Norwich will be hosts at the conference.

General theme of the conference will be a discussion of "What should the foreign policy of the United States be?"

Calendar

Friday, December 3

5.00 p.m. Campus editorial staff meeting.
7.00 p.m. Christian Association, north lounge.
8.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. Chemistry Show, Chemistry building.

Saturday, December 4

8.00 p.m. Alpha Xi Delta, pledge dance.
8.00 p.m. Alpha Sigma Phi, dance, Dog Team.
8.00 p.m. Alpha Tau Omega, dance.
8.00 p.m. Chi Psi, informal dance.
8.00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon, dance.
8.00 p.m. Theta Chi, dance.

Sunday, December 5

5.00 p.m. Junior-senior Chapel.

Tuesday, December 7

4.30 p.m. Flying Club meeting north lounge.
7.30 p.m. Lecture, Dr. Badeau, Munroe.
8.00 p.m. Panthers, north lounge.
7.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m. Christian Science Group, north lounge.

Wednesday, December 8

8.00 p.m. Middlebury Concert-Lecture Series, Bach Aria Group, Chapel.

Thursday, December 9

7:30 p.m. First Aid, north lounge.

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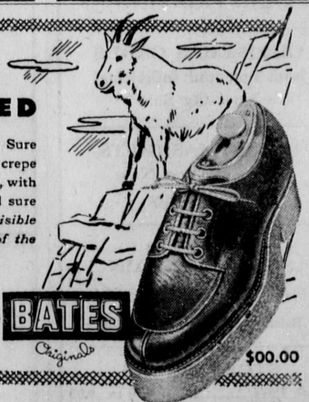
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